

Town of Arlington
Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of August 2, 2007, 5:15 pm, Town Hall Annex 1st Floor Conference Room

Minutes submitted by John Bean

Members Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Ed Starr, Scott Smith, Paul Conroy, John Bean

1. Pedestrian and Vehicle Access - Stratton School
 - a) Ed Starr presented the recommendations of a Working Group (consisting of Lenore Wadman, Alan Brown, Jeff Maxtutis, Paul Conroy, and Ed Starr) on this issue for Phase 1 as detailed in a memo of Aug-13, 2007 (see attached).
 - b) John Bean noted that the entire sidewalk on the south side of Mountain Ave. should be replaced and suggested that the circle be modified. It was noted that the school was on a plan for rebuilding in the future and it would be better to do limited measures and allow for a full site design to include possibly reconfiguring the sidewalks. The DPW Engineering Dept. will evaluate if low cost, temporary ramps can be included at the circle before the crosswalks are painted (and before school starts).
 - c) It was agreed that the crosswalk standard of the graphic ped-crossing with arrow would be utilized. Any existing crosswalk ahead signs would be eventually replaced to be text-only with "Crosswalk Ahead" and of the same fluorescent, yellow-green color.
 - d) Considerable discussion was given to #8 of the recommendations. The concern is that this crosswalk would only serve a limited number of houses since major flows would be Wheeler to school, Stone to school, and Dickson to school. More information is needed on population and routing, and it was decided to defer it to phase 2. It was agreed to change the wording of #8 to recommend a crosswalk be added across Dickson Ave near Stone Rd to service students from those areas.
 - e) It was agreed to add "or enforce trimming" in #9 and #10 after the words "Trim vegetation".

VOTED (Unanimous): To endorse the 11 recommendations as altered in points c, d and e above.

2. VOTED to adjourn, at approximately 6:25 pm.

Memorandum DRAFT**To:** Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass**From:** Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**Subject:** Recommendations for Walking Improvements at Stratton School**Date:** August 13, 2007

The Transportation Advisory Committee as a part of a working group consisting of Principal Alan Brown and Safe Routes to Schools representative Lenore Wadman, has reviewed the student access and traffic flow at the school. Our recommendations will come in two phases; the first is contained here and are things that can be done prior to the start of school this fall. Other improvements will be considered during the school year. A brief report and map is attached to indicate the background for the recommendations.

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommends the following:

1. Add crosswalk across Mountain Ave. at west side of Wheeler Lane with School crosswalk signs (2).
2. On the circle drive in front of the school, add crosswalks on both ends parallel to Mountain crossing the circle.
3. Repaint outer curb on circle yellow to designate Fire Lane.
4. Add a "Do Not Enter" sign at the exit on the east end of the parking lot on Mountain.
5. Add a "One Way" sign at the entrance on the west end of the parking lot on Mountain.
6. Paint directional arrows on pavement in parking lot in eastbound direction.
7. Eliminate the last parking space on the northeast side by the exit of the parking lot (to improve sight distance).
8. Add a crosswalk across Dickson south of Mountain and Christine, and the standard crosswalk signs (2).
9. Trim vegetation at 73 Dickson along school side of Dickson and 115 Pheasant.
10. Trim vegetation at 83 Dickson at Dickson/Pheasant southwest corner.
11. Add "No Parking Here to Corner" sign at a distance 20 feet from corner on Wheeler at Mountain on southwest corner.